

## BPE GOALS

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1. Promote a safe learning environment.
2. Evaluate the Board's accreditation standards to ensure they are contemporary and effective to improve quality education for all Montana students.
3. Foster quality teaching and administration.
4. Prepare all Montana students for work, post-secondary education, and civic life.
5. Exercise the Board's constitutional and statutory authority to improve schools.
6. Recognize and fulfill the Board's statutory obligation to the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind.



### Board of Public Education

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*Working to supervise, serve, maintain, and  
strengthen Montana's system of free,  
quality, public elementary and secondary  
schools.*



## Board of Public Education Overview

The Board of Public Education is a seven member, governor appointed board exercising general supervision over the K-12 public education system and is established by Article X, Section 9 of the Montana Constitution. The Board meets six times each year to conduct business as the Board of Public Education, and two times each year with the Montana Board of Regents as the Board of Education.

Duties prescribed by law include, but are not limited to:

1. Adopt all standards of accreditation including:
  - Content and performance standards and learning benchmarks
  - General accreditation standards including:
    - \*Definitions
    - \*Variances to standards
    - \*School improvement plans
    - \*Assurance and performance standards
    - \*School climate
    - \*Distance learning
    - \*Student assessment
    - \*Uniform system of teacher, administrator, and specialist licensure
    - \*Standards for post-secondary schools of teacher preparation

2. Effect an orderly and uniform system for teacher, administrator, and specialist licensure
  - Consider the suspension, denial, or revocation of educator licenses
  - Conduct hearings on appeal of educator license denial
  - Material and non-performance issues
3. Establish the accreditation status of every accredited school in Montana
4. Order the distribution of the base aid
5. Adopt rules for student assessment in all public schools
6. Adopt policies for the conduct of special education and gifted and talented programs
7. Adopt and enforce policies to provide uniform standards and regulations for school buses
8. Serve as the school board of the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind
9. Establish criteria for teachers receiving the Quality Educator Loan Assistance

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